

happening, change it upward or downward, either one, I guess. So I'll support Senator Beutler's amendment. And I believe Senator Lamb would be covered on his tank. And, actually, the volume of petroleum moving through the tank is not the question, as the volume of petroleum in the tank. If you've got so many gallons in the tank and it just sits there, you have the same potential for contamination as if you have thousands of gallons moving through the tank. And I believe Senator Lamb's tank would be subject to the \$500,000 insurance guarantee in the near future. So thus they would...they will either...if they don't want to pay into the fund, I'm wondering do they want to be covered by the fund, which I'm sure they would. And I think for everyone involved here, and this has been part of the problem of big versus small, but for everyone involved here they're getting one heck of an insurance policy for a couple hundred bucks. The problem was the insurance wasn't available, or it was available at a rate that was way out of hand. The small people in no way could have afforded it, but yet the large could of, it would have taken a big chunk out of their profit margin. I wish we could do what's fair. I don't know if the Constitution addresses this underground problem. But I wish we could do what was fair and somehow figure out a way to help out the smaller dealer, and allow the larger dealers that don't need the help to go ahead and pay their own way, because we have a lot of winners and a lot of losers in this underground storage tank problem. The winners are the citizens of the state, some of the bigger winners are people that would own a lot of gas stations and contribute small amounts into the fund, a winner is a small dealer that has to pay the same amount as the large dealer, but it's a bigger chunk out of his total profit picture, they're all winners, but they just win at different levels. And, as I mentioned, the state, the people of the state are all winners because we are trying to maintain a viable petroleum distribution system in this state, because you all can remember back in '73 or so when you were driving around and looking for...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: ...gas on the highways and interstates, and there were no gas stations open because nobody had gas. It really cramps your style. So it's something we need to look at. And, as I said, it's very confusing of who the winners and losers are and who wins the most. But, for one thing, we know that EPA is telling us we've got to do something, and as we work